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The pastor speaks

On prayer

By REV. J. N. WILLIAMS

What is prayer for?

Not to inform God, nor to move him, unwilling, to have mercy, as if like some proud prince, he required a certain amount of recognition of his greatness as the price for his favors, but to fit our own hearts by conscious need and true desire and dependence, to receive the gifts which he is ever willing to give, but we are not always fit to receive.

St. Augustine has it, the empty vessel is by prayer carried to the full fountain. There is everything in this prayer. There is help for the smallest wants and light for the daily duties, there is strength for the hour of death and the day of judgement. No man can exhaust it. Every age may find it a simple lesson to help with their perplexities and duties.

The great Father knows what we need before we ask him, and requires no lengthened petitions. The simplest, shortest prayers, unheard by human ear, is accepted by God if it rises from the heart of sincere human beings.

So Jesus taught his disciples to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is being done in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Forgive us our transgressions as we forgive others who transgress against us. All of these simple petitions are so needed in our every day functions of life. Let us make them a real part of our living.

Bible and daily living

The prophet in exile

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Ezekiel: Prophet in Exile
Lesson for June 29, 1980
Scripture References: Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1 to 3:27; 17:1 to 19:14
Focal Passages: Ezekiel 17:11-18; 18:30-32
God's Chosen Man Of The Times

"In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God."

So goes the opening verse of the book of Ezekiel. This one verse says a great deal about Ezekiel's identity and his serious role as a prophet of the Lord. With precision Ezekiel states the age at which he received his vision from the Lord, where he was when he received that vision, and who he was with when he received those visions.

Ezekiel came on the scene during the painful times when King Nebuchadnezzar seized Jerusalem and sent the people into exile from their homelands. We know very little about Ezekiel except that he was a priest, which seemed to gain him notable favors from the Babylonians. Their preferential treatment of Ezekiel opened the way for him to begin his prophetic ministry.

Disaster On The Horizon [Ezek. 17:11-18]

We who have never known war on our soils may have difficulty in time identifying with the Jewish exiles. To be uprooted from one's homeland and transplanted onto foreign soils is anything but traumatic. We are keenly aware that in America today there are many exiles who have come to our country seeking freedom. The recent "Freedom Flotilla" and the wave of Indochinese refugees heralds a new challenge to the Christian church to minister to these uprooted victims. These have their struggles in adjusting to the unfamiliar and strange new land. They must learn to live with the pain of separation from home and family.

The Jewish exiles experienced their own pain and often complained to God that they had been unjustly treated. But Ezekiel helped them understand that they were under divine judgment and would have to pay for their sins against God. With crushing words and pictures of terror Ezekiel described King Zedekiah's treachery and the forthcoming troubles.$

In his own words Ezekiel reviewed the events leading up to the seige and deportation of the Jews into Babylon. Zedekiah, a puppet monarch, had made a covenant of peace with Nebuchadnezzar. But Zedekiah did not hold firm to this covenant. The name Zedekiah actually means "God is my righteousness." In breaking the covenant with the king of Babylon, Zedekiah had also broken it with God.

It is interesting that the prophet Jeremiah was also active during this time, and he, too, denounced the efforts to form an alliance with Egypt. Because of Zedekiah's decision to form an alliance with Egypt, he too would reap the whirlwind of destruction and be deported with the people.

Familiar Olden Words of Hope [Ezek. 18:30-32]

Ezekiel was not merely a prophet of doom. Although the first 24 chapters are taken up with his prophecies of doom and destruction, chapters 25-48 contain messages of hope for restoration based upon the people's repentance. But the first part of the Book of Ezekiel's message is not without hope. Chapter 18 gives us a portion of this hopeful message.

The message from God is this: "Turn and live!" God's love offers us hope and deliverance from our wayward ways. Like a good father/mother, he is always ready to welcome us home into his loving arms and to give us peace. The people who went into captivity soon learned that their children and their children's children would feel the pains of living in exile. They felt that this kind of treatment was much too harsh. But Ezekiel helps them understand that faith and turning To God would eventually bring them back home again. God offers them forgiveness if they will only choose righteousness. God longs to give to every individual the gift of home and peace and freedom. We do not always have to live in exile and alienation.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

Concord garden club meets

By Mrs. J. F. MacKENZIE

Ten members of the Concord Garden Club took part in the workshop on Floral Centerpieces. Mrs. John Wooldridge was the instructor and each member went home with one or more designs. It is most interesting how a few flowers can be attractively arranged to make a lovely centerpiece.

This was the club's regular monthly meeting for June and it was held in the home of Mrs. Emma Mae Braund with Mrs. John W. Pratt as co-hostess. Mrs. Pratt gave devotions in which she used "Silent Worship" and "To the Master Gardener".

The club's yearbooks were given out. They had been with the committees' help, prepared by the club's president, Mrs. Charles F. Jones, who also, designed the cover.

Results of the day's judging: Specimen- Mrs. J. W. Pratt; delphinium-Blue, magnolia-Blue; Cedar of Lebanon-Blue; Red-yarrou, petunia (Apello), petunia (purple plum)-Pansy-;marigold-(dwarf-"Sparky").

Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie-variegated evonimus-Red; Mrs. Emma Mae Braund-Rose (Tropicana)-Red; Mrs. John Wooldridge- Rose (Eclipse)-Red.

Plant - Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie "Bird's Nest" snake plant-Red.

Dividend announced

The directors of the Farmers National Bank of Appomattox have declared a semi-annual dividend of $1.00 per share of common stock payable on June 30, 1980 to all shareholders on record as of the close of business on June 10, 1980. Checks will be mailed.

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Thomas named to dean's list

Lowell Edward Thomas, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas, Jr. of Rt. 2 Concord has been named to the Dean's list at Liberty Baptist College.

To qualify for the honor of being placed on the Dean's list at Liberty Baptist College, a student must make a minimum grade point average of 3.50 out of a possible 4.00.

Enrollment at Liberty Baptist College is approximately 2,500. Of the 365 named to the Dean's list, Thomas earned all A's for a 4.00 average.

A Special Thank You

My sincere thanks to my family, employees, friends, and neighbors, for their cards, visits, flowers, phone calls and all other acts of kindness shown during my stay in the hospital and since my return home.

Special thanks to Rev. George Krydell, Rev. Clarence Davis, and my pastor, Dr. Jim Price, for all their visits and prayers for my recovery.

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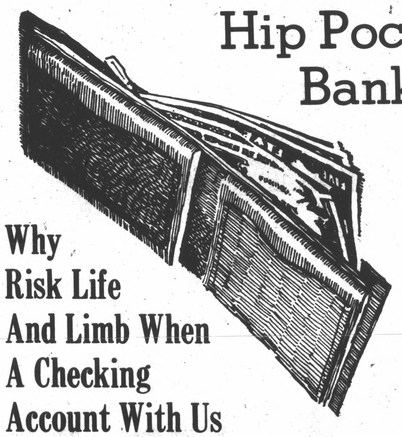

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Tuesday, July 1

Tobacco growers will elect Director to Marketing Coop

Dark tobacco growers will want to participate in the election of a Director to their Marketing Cooperative next Tuesday, July 1, 7:30 at the County Extension Office.

Stan Duffer, Virginia Department of Agriculture, and Tom Hall, General Manager of the Tobacco Coop, will be on the program.

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Dates for the fall feeder cattle sales have been set. Producers will want to note these on their calendars and plan vaccination programs accordingly. Lynchburg Yearling Sale--September 11, Calf Sales--October 2 and 23, Calf and Yearling Sale--November 6.

Farmville has a calf and yearling sale set for September 26.

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On June 10, Wool producers in this area marketed 7164 pounds of wool in Lynchburg. It grossed 86 cents a pound.

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Time to renovate those strawberry patches. Recent research indicates that strawberries can be maintained for five or more years if weeds are controlled. Weeds are the number one problem in berry production.

Steps to follow for an established stand are--mow just high enough not to injure the crown--remove old mulch, leaves, etc.--thin--develop picking lanes. Keep the stand young. Remove mother plants that are at least three years old. Remove all grass and broad leaf weeds. Apply ½ lb. ammonium nitrate or similar nitrogen fertilizer per 100 foot of row, If grass is a problem, apply Enide 50 W at rate of 10 pounds per acre; if broadleaf weeds are a problem, apply Tenoran at rate of 8 pounds per acre. If you have grass and broad leaf weeds, use both materials.

Tenoran can be applied again in December if chickweed is a problem. If possible, irrigate.

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The Appomattox Dairymen's Association has postponed its summer meeting to Saturday, July 26--the Elliott and Dennis Torrence Dairy--6:30 p.m. The family should plan to attend.

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Tobacco producers need to stay on top of a good fungicide spray program to prevent blue mold in the field. With the cool nights we've had--all that's needed for a major outbreak is a few days of cool rainy weather.

Information on fungicides has been mailed to all producers.

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Reports suggest that grasshoppers have already done extensive damage in the southwest part of the state.

There is one thing you may want to try--no guarantee. Try at your own risk--using a bait. If you want to try it, start now while the grasshoppers are small.

Prepare a wet bait, mix the following ingredients in the correct proportions. Stir Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 80% WP into the amount of water and molasses specified and mix with mill-run bran to make a crumbly mash. The finished bait should be uniformly moist and yet will scatter into small flakes when broadcast.

Mill-runbran	100lb.*
Sevin 50% WP or Sevin 80% WP	2lb. or 1½lb.
Water	7-8 gal.
Blackstrap Molasses	2 gal.

*Sawdust may be substituted for up to ½ the mixture,i.e. 50 lbs. sawdust, plus 50 lbs. bran.

Spread the bait uniformly, by hand at the rate of 10 to 20 pounds per acre. The most effective applications are made in the morning hours when the bait is still moist.

Make application to roadsides, ditch banks, field margins and idle areas bordering fields.

Read pesticide directions and follow them.

Lt. George Morris

Lt. Morris completes training at FBI National Academy

Lieutenant George Moorman Morris, Jr. of the Virginia State Police, Appomattox, recently graduated with the 121st Session of the FBI National Academy. Lieutenant Morris' classmates included police officers from 49 states, the District of Columbia and the countries of Australia, Canada, Egypt, Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia, Japan and Northern Ireland.

Lieutenant Morris, his wife, Martha, and their daughters, Cynthia, age 20 and Nancy, age 14, have resided in Appomattox for the past seventeen years. Morris is a graduate of Gladys High School, Gladys, Virginia and has attended Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg. A Navy veteran, Lieutenant Morris joined the ranks of the State Police in 1954 and has been a highly regarded member of the Department for twenty six years.

The FBI National Academy is an internationally known program conducted at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia. The eleven-week program is designed to meet the needs of modern law enforcement and includes courses in such areas as Police Management, Law, Forensic Science, Education, Communications Skills, and the Behavioral Sciences.

The principal speaker at the graduation ceremonies was General Robert H. Barrow, Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps. Representing Lieutenant Morris' class as spokesman was Inspector Nevill Arthur Stanford of the New South Wales Police Department in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Williamson will be featured speaker at workshop at Tech

Ruby Williamson, chairman of the Appomattox County Extension Homemakes Clubs, will be the featured speaker in one of several workshops at the annual convention of the Virginia Extension Homemakers.

The convention, titled "Kaleidoscope of the 80s," will be held Tuesday through Thursday, July 15-17 at Virginia Tech's Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing education.

Workshops will be held Wednesday, July 16. Williamson will speak at one of the workshops, the theme of her speech being, "You and the Golden Rules."

Registration fee for the event is $8. Approximately 350 persons are expected to participate.

The business meeting will be held Thursday, July 17 at 9 a.m. The organization will present its awards during a special 8 p.m. ceremony Tuesday, July 15.

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